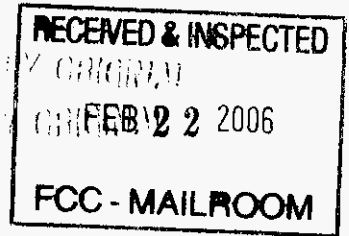


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Ex Parte Presentation
Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch:

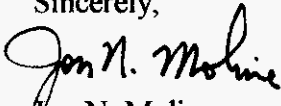
On behalf of Texas Lutheran University, I am writing to express my concerns about the effects the Universal Service Program number-based contribution mechanism under consideration by the FCC would have on our institution.

Under the current revenue-based methodology, TLU contributes approximately \$60 to \$80 per month on average. If the number-based proposal of \$1 per number is adopted, our contribution would increase to approximately \$2000 per month, an increase of more than 2700 per cent!

An increase of this magnitude would create a major strain on the university's budget, and could require the reallocation of funds away from educational programs that directly benefit our students. While we fully support the goals of universal service and appreciate the Commission's desire to identify new revenue sources for it, I strongly urge the Commission to consider the negative impact the number-based system will have on colleges and universities, local and state governments, and other not-for-profit organizations, and to explore other funding options instead.

Thank you.

Sincerely,


Jon N. Moline
President

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